

# FRENCH EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION STUDY TOUR

Albert Shanker Institute

Paris – Lille – Blois, France  
April 9-13, 2001

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## Monday April 9

- 10:00** Study tour agenda and orientation meeting at the hotel, salon Concorde, Millennium Opéra Hotel  
Sandra Feldman – American federation of Teachers, Eugenia Kemble – The Albert Shanker Institute and Nicole Choffel – French American Foundation.
- 11:00** The different services for pre-kindergarten children.  
Agnès Florin, Laboratoire de Psychologie, Education, Cognition et Développement – Université de Nantes.
- 1:00** Lunch at the Brasserie, hotel Millennium Opéra.
- 2:00** Bus departure from the hotel.
- 2:30** Meeting at the Ministère de l'Education Nationale  
107 rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris, room 204 A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.  
Viviane Bouysse, chef du Bureau des écoles.  
General presentation of the French Education System for the 2-6 year old.
- 4:00** Meeting with Jack Lang, Minister of Education, followed by a reception at the Ministry
- 5:30** Bus returns to the hotel
- Remaining of the day : free.

## Tuesday April 10

- 7:15** Bus departure from the hotel and transfer to Gare du Nord.
- 7:58** TGV train # 7211 To Lille.
- 8:59** Arrival Lille Flandres train station. Bus pick-up and site visit to 2 écoles maternelles in Educational Priority Zone (ZEP) (Ecole Kergomard, Ecole Victor Hugo)
- 12:30** Lunch at the Lycée hotelier.

## Tuesday April 10 (continued)

- 2:00 Site visit to 2 other écoles maternelles.
- 4:30 Meeting with some Union members from FEN (Fédération de l'Education Nationale), some teachers and school principals.
- 7:00 Welcome dinner at City Hall (to be confirmed) with city officials in charge of education.
- 9:30 Bus returns to Lille Europe Train station.
- 10:04 TGV train # 7298 to Paris – Gare du Nord.
- 11:02 Arrival Paris and bus transfer back to the hotel.

## Wednesday April 11

- 9:00 Round table at the hotel, salon Concorde.  
Meeting with Sylvie Rayna, responsable du CRESAS (to be confirmed).  
Equity effects of preschool attendance in France.
- 10:30 Bus pick-up at the hotel and transfer to Crèche Cavaignac, 25 rue Godefroy Cavaignac, 75011 Paris.  
Site visit and meeting with crèche Director.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 2:00 Meeting with Dr Delour, Médecin chef de PMI – Ville de Paris (to be confirmed).
- 3:00 Visit to another crèche.
- 4:00 Bus returns to the hotel.
- 4:30 Round table at the hotel, salon Concorde.  
Speakers to include Thérèse Brisdon, President of AGIEM, Catherine Lacronique (Institut National de Recherches Pédagogiques), National Union representatives from FEN and SNUIPP (Syndicat National unitaire des instituteurs, professeurs d'école et Pégc).  
Others to be confirmed.
- 7:30 Dinner with some parents (to be confirmed).

## Thursday April 12

- 6:45** Bus pick-up at the hotel and transfer to gare d'Austerlitz.
- 7:22** Train # 14033 to Blois.
- 8:57** Arrival and bus transfer to City Hall. Welcome breakfast, and meeting with officials in charge of Education.
- 10:00** Visit to 2 écoles maternelles in ZEP area (Ecole Jules Ferry and Ecole Baptiste Marcet).
- 12:00** Lunch with school Directors.
- 2:00** Visit to the IUFM (Teachers Training School). Meeting with students and teachers trainers.
- 4:00** Visit to 2 other écoles maternelles.
- 4:30** Meeting with parents and school teachers.
- 5:30** Tentative meeting with Blois foreign women association (to be confirmed)
- 7:00** Dinner with students / teachers from IUFM and city officials.
- 8:45** Transfer back to the train station.
- 9:19** Train # 14084 back to Paris.
- 11:20** Arrival Paris – Gare d'Austerlitz and transfer back to the hotel.

## Friday April 13

- 9:30** Wrap-up session at the hotel, salon Concorde.
- 12:00** End of the meeting.
- Remainder of the day: free.
- End of our services.